January Events

- **Jan 3** Ranger Program-Wintering Wildlife, 2:30-3p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. What happens to wildlife in winter? Discover what our year-round wildlife does to survive the Pacific Northwest winter. All ages welcome. FREE. Information: 425-452-2565.
- **Jan- Feb Botanical Drawing Classes**, 10a.m.-1p.m. on the following Fridays: Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 5, at Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street, Bellevue. Explore the Garden and focus on developing your drawing skills as we learn to see the Garden in a fresh, new way. The class will explore black and white media and observe and draw interesting plant structures in the winter garden. Cost is \$180 for 15 class hours. To register: Bellevue Botanical Garden Society office at 425-451-3755.
- **Jan 9 Family and Friends Snowshoe Adventure**, 10a.m.-4:30p.m., Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Rd. Explore Snoqualmie Pass with family and friends and a beautiful day of snowshoeing. Expert staff will ensure the trip is safe and fun for everyone. Transportation and snowshoes included! You won't find a bigger adventure for a better price. This hike is classified as easy. Cost is \$15. Information: 425-452-6129.
- **Jan 9 Family Movies,** 2-4pm, Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Join us for our second Saturday series. *March of the Penguins-*Follow the epic journey of Emperor penguins as they raise their young in the bitter cold weather of Antarctica. The male and female penguin take turns caring for their young as they battle hunger, predators and cold. Registration required. FREE. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-4195.
- Jan 12 New Years Dance. 2-4p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE. Celebrate the New Year with the Sound of Swing big band sound. Fee \$3. Information: 425-452-7681.
- **Touch of Country Life: Baa Baa Black Sheep,** 10:30-11:30a.m. Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th PL SE. Join Farmer Jayne for a morning of farm fun! Classes are designed for children ages 2-5, paired with an adult. Registration is required. Information: call 425 452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.
- **Experience the Arts Project,** 6:30-7:30p.m., Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St. Families and kids of all ages are invited to a free Experience Dance family program. Discover what type of movement contemporary dance uses. Learn how a dance is created. Lecture/demonstrations presented by Eva Stone of The Stone Dance Collective.
- **Jan 16 Fossil Time,** 11a.m.-12p.m., Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. In partnership with the City of Bellevue, Nature Vision wants you to discover who lived in our watershed long ago by looking at fossil

records! Everyone can make a plaster fossil and take it home! Ages 6Y and up. Registration required. To register: Nature Vision 425-836-2697. Cost: \$10. All children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult.

- "Celebration of a Dream," a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 12-3p.m. Crossroads Bellevue Shopping Center (corner of 156th NE and NE 8th, Bellevue). Join us as the community celebrates the legacy of Dr. King. This event will feature guest speakers, musical guests, and a health fair sponsored by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (Bellevue Alumnae Chapter). Free. Information: call 425 452-7886 or email Khenry@bellevuewa.gov.
- **Jan 19 Experience the Arts Project,** 6:30-7:30p.m., South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way. Families and kids of all ages are invited to a free Experience Dance family program. Discover what type of movement contemporary dance uses. Learn how a dance is created. Lecture/demonstrations presented by Eva Stone of The Stone Dance Collective.
- Sustainable Living Discussion Series, 10a.m.-12p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. The seven session discussion series explores the meaning of sustainability and what we can do to move towards ecologically sustainable lifestyles and communities. A mentor from Northwest Earth Institute will lead the first session. Adults only. Cost: \$22. Preregistration required. Information and Registration: contact Bruce Welti at 425-450-0509 or bruce@nweiseattle.org.
- Winter Tracks, 2-3p.m., Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Not all animals hibernate in winter! Join a ranger as you look for tracks in Lewis Creek. Tracks can help indicate what animals are living in the park and how they adapt to winter. Registration required. To register: 425-452-6885. FREE. Information: 425-452-4195.
- **Experience the Arts Project,** 1:30-3p.m., Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St. Youth and adults are invited to a free Experience the Arts Dance Class. Discover what type of movement contemporary dance uses. This contemporary dance class requires no experience. For ages 12-adult. Taught by Eva Stone of The Stone Dance Collective. To register: 425-452-6885.
- **Jan 23 Marshmallow Memories**, 10-11:30a.m., Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th ST., Winter themed family workshop. Marshmallow art, music, snack, movement and FUN! Ages 2-4 with caregiver. For more information email <u>NWAC@bellevuewa.gov</u> or call 425-452-6046.
- Mom and Me at Mercer Slough, 10-11a.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. Become a naturalist with your child. Learn how to observe and explore the small wonders of Mercer Slough and practice together. All children under 12 must be with a registered adult. Pre-registration is required. Best for ages 4-6. Cost \$5. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-2565.

- **Experience the Arts Project,** 6:30-8p.m., South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way. Youth and adults are invited to a free Experience the Arts Dance Class. Discover what type of movement contemporary dance uses. This contemporary dance class requires no experience. For ages 12-adult. Taught by Eva Stone of The Stone Dance Collective. To register: 425-452-6885.
- Tropical Getaway Luncheon, 11:30a.m.-1p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE. Escape the winter blahs for a few hours! Tropical music, scenes from Hawaii, great food- without airport hassles. Lunch provided by Catholic Community Services donation \$3 for 60+; cost for under 60 is \$5.75. Pre-register by January 22nd. Information: 425-452-7681.
- **Jan 28 Getting Around the Eastside,** 7-8:30p.m., Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Discover the history and developments of transportation on the Eastside from early Native American footpaths to railroads, ferries and bridges through a photographic presentation by the Eastside Heritage Center. Registration required. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-4195.
- **Family Movie- Forces of Nature,** 5-6:30p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. Witness the awesome power and unimaginable destruction of explosive volcanoes, ground-buckling earthquakes, and deadly tornadoes. Best for ages 10+. Free. Information: 425-452-2565.
- **Jan 30 Avian Photography I- The Art of Seeing**, 8-10a.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave.SE. Photographing birds in their natural habitat requires observation, patience and preparedness. Learn nature photography skills and techniques from a talented photographer during a walk in Mercer Slough Nature Park. Cameras welcome. Cost: \$5. Pre-registration required. To register: 425- 452-6885.

February

- Feb 5 Dream Weaver by Jonathan London, part of Fiction Fridays, 11a.m.-12p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Look, Listen and Create during an hour of stories and activities with a Park Ranger. Parents and children will explore together. Ages 3 to 6. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Donation of \$1 per person is suggested. Registration required. To register: 425-452-6885.
- **Feb 5 Geology from Mountains to Sound,** 7p.m.-8:30p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. Geologist Rob Viens will present and discuss the geologic history of the region as it is expressed in the trails and parks along the Mountains to Sound greenbelt. Cost: \$5. Preregistration is required. To register: 425-452-6885.
- **Feb 6 Birds and Beaks!,** 2p.m.-3p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Join Eastside Audubon to discover the differences in birds' beaks. Learn about backyard birds and how to attract them, and make a feeder to take home. Ages 6Y

and up. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Registration is required. A donation of \$2 is suggested for materials. To register: 425-452-6885.

- **Feb 6 Avian Photography II,** 1-3p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. Learn successful tips for photographing birds in the wild. Please dress for the weather. Participants must bring their own digital cameras. Cost: \$5. Pre-registration is required. To register: 425- 452-6885.
- **Feb 6 Winter Olympics Odyssey**, 10-11:30a.m., Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th ST., Olympic games themed family workshop. Fun-filled morning competing for an 'Olympic' medal. How fast can you run? Throw? Art projects, music and treat! Ages 4-6. Information: NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-6046.
- **Feb 7 Ranger Program-Wildlife Tracking,** 2:30 p.m.- 3p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. Learn the techniques of animal tracking! Identity who made the tracks, what direction they were going, what they were doing and at what speed. All ages welcome. FREE. Information: 425-452-2565.
- **Feb 9 Touch of Country Life: Hip Hop Valentine,** 10:30-11:30a.m. Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th PL SE. Join Farmer Jayne for a morning of farm fun! Classes are designed for children ages 2-5, paired with an adult. Registration is required. Information: call 425 452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.
- **Feb 9 Sweethearts Dance**, 2-4p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Join Sound of Swing as they play favorites of the Swing era and some special songs in honor of Valentine's Day. Fee \$3. Information: 425-452-7681.
- **Feb 10 Volunteer Recognition Celebration,** 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. This is a very special event to honor all the wonderful people who volunteered their time and talents for the North Bellevue Community/Senior Center in 2009. Watch for your invitation in the mail. Co-sponsored by the Bellevue Firefighters Community Support Foundation.
- **Feb 13 Family Movies,** 2-4p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. It's Movie Time at Lewis Creek! *Wolves: A Legend Returns to Yellowstone*-National Geographic follows the re-introduction of the wolf into Yellowstone National Park and reveals how returning the species to this ecosystem has helped to restore natural balance. Appropriate for ages 5Y and up. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Registration required. Information: 425-452-4195. To register: 425-452-6885.
- **Feb 16th**"SBCC Olympic Movie Night", 6-9p.m., South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way. "Popcorn Your Way to the Gold" In the spirit of the Winter Olympics, join us for the SBCC Popcorn Games, and a showing of 'Cool Runnings' on a 40-foot screen in the SBCC gym. This movie carries a PG rating. Movie will start at 7p.m. For more information, call 425-452-4240.

- **Feb 18 Avalanche Awareness,** 7p.m.-8:30p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Join avalanche expert Ken White in a dynamic discussion of avalanches. Learn the basics of avalanche hazards, the proper equipment in avalanche terrain, and how to avoid one. Ages 10Y and up. Registration required. All children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult. To register: 425-452-6885.
- **Feb 26** Family Movie- The Biggest Dam Movie You Ever Saw!, 5p.m.-6:30 p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. Witness the awesome power and unimaginable destruction of explosive volcanoes, ground-buckling earthquakes, and deadly tornadoes. Best for ages 10+. Free. Information: 425-452-2565.

March

- Mar 5 The Salamander Room by Anne Mazer, part of Fiction Fridays, 11a.m.-12 p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Look, Listen and Create during an hour of stories and activities with a Park Ranger. Parents and children will explore together. Ages 3 to 6. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Donation of \$1 per person is encouraged. Registration required. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-4195.
- Mar 7 Ranger Program-Wildlife Camouflage, 2:30-3p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. Uncover strategies plants and animals use to conceal and deceive with camouflage. All ages welcome. FREE. Information: 425-452-2565.
- March Mania Plant Sale, 11a.m.-3p.m., at Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street, Bellevue. This unique sale kicks off the local plant sale season. The show has evolved from its humble beginnings eight years ago into a successful event with a long line of gardeners waiting for the sale to begin. The sale is known for its unique specialties, spring ephemerals and treasures not readily found elsewhere. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.n-p-a.org
- Mar 9 Bellevue Park Walking Series 5% Day at Whole Foods Market, 888 116th Ave NE, 7a.m.-10p.m. 5% of all purchase made will be donated to support Bellevue's free walks that highlight the best of city's art, parks, natural and historic sites. Information: Debbie Pettersson at 425-452-7106 or DPettersson@bellevuewa.gov.
- Mar 9 St Patrick's Dance, 2-4p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Join Sound of Swing as they play favorites of the Swing era and some special songs in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Fee \$3. Information: 425-452-7681.
- Mar 11 An Intro to the Night Sky, 7-8:30pm, Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Join solar system ambassador and president of the Eastside Astronomical Society, Tom Gwilym, as he takes you on a journey of the stars. Explore the

basics of star gazing and what the Spring stars reveal. Registration required. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-4195.

- Mar 13 Call of the Wild Cost, 11a.m.-12p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Screeech! Barump! Whoosh! And Owwww! Come join us to learn about how animals communicate with each other. Participate in a "smell mail" activity and look for coyote trail markers in the woods. \$10 per person. Ages 8Y and up. To register, call Nature Vision: 425-836-2697. Information: 425-452-4195.
- **Mar 13 Family Movies,** 2-4p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. It's Movie Time at Lewis Creek! *Whales: An Unforgettable Journey-* Come learn about some of these fascinating giant mammals in this stunning IMAX film. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Registration required. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-4195.
- Mar 13 Leapin' Leprechauns!, 10-11:30a.m., Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th ST., Join us for a darlin' of a time celebrating St. Paddy's Day! Eat green ice cream shakes, make green bowler hats, sing songs and read a story or two! Ages 2-5 with caregiver. Information: NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6046.
- Mar 16 Touch of Country Life: Goats and Shamrocks, 10-11:30a.m. Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th PL SE. Join Farmer Jayne for a morning of farm fun! Classes are designed for children ages 2-5, paired with an adult. Registration is required. Information: 425 452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, 11:30a.m.-1p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the North Bellevue Community Center. Bingo will be featured. Information: 425-452-7681.
- Mar 19-28 Madeline, March 19, 20, 26 & 27 from 7-9p.m., March 21, 27 & 28 from 2p.m.-4p.m. Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way, Bellevue. Enjoy this retelling of the story of the cute little French girl and her classmates who find adventure and wiggle their way out of mischief. Wonderful for all ages, especially the young at heart. Information: Contact Sheila Framke at 425-452-7155.
- Mar 20 Learning to See by Looking-Digital Photography, 1-3p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. This introductory course teaches nature photography techniques, provides one-on-one instruction, and time to practice your skills in Mercer Slough Nature Park. Participants must bring their own digital cameras. Cost: \$5. Pre-registration is required. To register: 425-452-6885.
- **Mar 26 Family Movie-MicroCosmos**, 5-6:30 p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. This epic documentary captures the infinitely small and hidden world of insects. Best for ages 10+. Free. Information: 425-452-2565.

- **Mar. 27 Peep! Peep!**, 10-11:30a.m., Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th ST., Family workshop. Make cheerful chicks that peek out of decorated eggs as well as other springtime creatures. Music, snack and an egg hunt round off our morning of FUN! Ages 2-5 with caregiver. Information: <a href="https://www.nwareneeg.numer
- Mar 27 Solar System, 11a.m.-12p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Come explore our solar system, understand how big it really is, and take home a "tape measure" of our planets. \$10 per person. Ages 8Y and up. To register, call Nature Vision: 425-836-2697. Information: 425-452-4195.

Seasonal Events

- Nov-Jan

 Group Health Ice Arena, Bellevue's Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th St. The shining star of the Bellevue Magic Season! Skate your cares away in the open-air arena and enjoy refreshments in the tented viewing hut! Open daily, November 27 through January 10. Closed Christmas Day. \$10 (includes skate rental). Food concessions available on-site. Visit Group Health Ice Arena or call 425.453.1223.
- **Dec-Apr Kids on the Farm**, Kelsey Creek Farm 410 130th PL SE. Explore our farm and meet our goats, pig, sheep, rabbits, chickens and ponies. Experience the old fashion skill of wool carding and create a wool sheep to take home. Daily viewing. Pre-registration required. Information and registration: 425 452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.
- Jan Feb Garden d'Lights Classes, at Bellevue Botanical Garden 12001 Main Street.

 Learn to make beautiful flower light creations that will actually become part of the display at the yearly Garden d'Lights at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Visit the website www.bellevuebotanical.org for class types, times and dates.
- Jan-March 2010 Community Garden P-Patch Program, The City of Bellevue is offering seasonal and year-round P-patches to local gardeners. Each plot measures approximately 400 square feet and water is supplied on site. Returning gardeners apply in January. New gardeners please contact Laura Hughes for more information, and to be added to our mailing list. Information: 425-452-7225 or email LHughes@bellevuewa.gov.

Ongoing Events

3rd Sunday of each month

NWRSA Area 2060 Greater Sammamish Hand Spinners, 11-3:30p.m., Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park (Farm House), 410 130th Pl SE. Visitors invited to drop in and watch as spinners demonstrate the traditional art of hand spinning as they turn fuzzy fiber into yarn. New spinners welcome! No registration necessary. All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. Information: 425-452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

Last Sunday of each month

Winter Wildlife Walks (Jan – April), 2-3p.m., Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Join a Ranger in exploring dynamic Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Information: 425-452-4195. FREE. All ages.

Every 1st & 3rd Monday each month

Outspoken Teen Newspaper, 4-5p.m., Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE, 1E-119. Teen newspaper created by teens for teens. Information: Youth Link, 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com

Last Monday of each month

Youth Link Teen Closet Distribution Event, 4:30-6:30p.m., World Impact Network, 2015 Richards Road, Bellevue. Teen Closet is a free clothing bank for teens and families in the Bellevue area. Individuals, families, and community groups interested in volunteering at the event can contact Patrick Alina, Youth Link Program Coordinator, 425-452-5254, e-mail palina@bellevuewa.gov or visit www.youthlink.com.

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month

Community Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee, 4-5p.m., Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE, 1E-119. Help plan a citywide youth recognition event in our community! Information: Youth Link, 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com

4th Tuesday of each month

Bellevue Youth Court, 6-8p.m., Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE, Council Chambers. Monthly session of Bellevue Youth Court. Two juvenile court cases. Information: 425-452-2846.

Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month

Bellevue Youth Council Meeting, 5-7p.m., Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE, 1E-120. Youth leadership and community service program for Bellevue middle and high school students. Information: Youth Link, 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com

1st Thursday of each month

Bellevue Network On Aging Meeting- 8:30-10:30a.m., Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE, 1E-112. Information: 425-452-7681 or visit www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm.

Every Thursday each month

"Jub-Hub" Teen Café Peer Mentoring Project & TRACKS Action Team, 4-6p.m., Jubilee Reach Center, 14200 SE 13th Pl. Plan special events with other teens, help other students with their homework, learn more about our environment and the world we live in at a Café-like atmosphere. Be the difference! Information: 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

First Saturday each month

Bellevue Birding, 9-10a.m., Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Once a month, grab your binoculars and your boots and come join us to look for birds. FREE. Information: 425-452-4195.

Every Saturday

Winter Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walk (Jan.- March), 2-3p.m., Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street. Join a Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Visit restoration sites and learn about local wildlife! Fun for the whole family, all ages welcome. Free, no registration required. Information: 425-452-7225.

2010 King County Master Gardener Workshops (Jan-Oct), 10:30p.m.-12p.m., Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street. Learn good gardening practices and home-based horticulture tips from a trained Master Gardener! For a full schedule of topics and dates please visit http://www.mgfkc.org. Free, no registration required.

Every Saturday

Mercer Slough Nature Walk, 2-3p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. Did you know that Mercer Slough Nature Park is 320acres? Join us for a free guided tour of the Environmental Education Center. Then, explore the Park with a Ranger. No registration necessary. All ages welcome. FREE. Dress for the weather. Information: 425- 452- 2565.

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

Luncheon, North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE, starts at 12 p.m. noon. Adults 65 and older can enjoy a delicious, hot lunch for a suggested donation of just \$3.00. Lunches are sponsored and prepared by Catholic Community Services staff and Center volunteers. Special events such as Thanksgiving and Holiday lunches require pre registration.

Daily. Must pre-schedule

Group Tours, Kelsey Creek Farm Park. Seasonal group tours for preschool and school groups. Pre-registration required. Information: 425 452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

Event information as of December 30, 2009